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THE PREPARED NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLES THEREBY

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 10, 2002, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention defined by the Examiner as Group I, including Claims 22-23. This election is made without traverse.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

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